HOLY COMMUNION Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter

April 20, 2025

8:00 & 10:30 AM

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDES: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

J. Reuss (from Organ Festivity by J. Reuss c.2005 Augsburg Fortress. All Rights Reserved)

Trumpet Duet

Purcell/Wolff (arr. c.1987 Birnamwood Publications (ASCAP), a division of MorningStar Music Publications. All Rights Reserved)

Toccata for the Morning of Easter

G. Martin (c.1971 Lorenz Publishing Company, a division of the Lorenz Corp. Admin. by Music Services. All Rights Reserved)

Trumpets: Ryan Pongras and Ethan Fogleman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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Handbells, Brass, Organ, and Congregation

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Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.
- **P** Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Stand

P Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

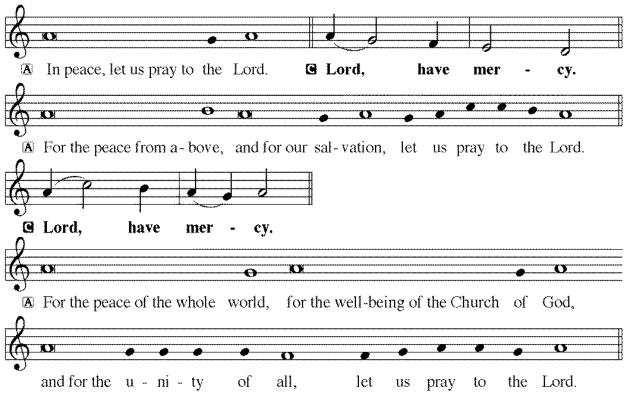
C Amen.

Stand

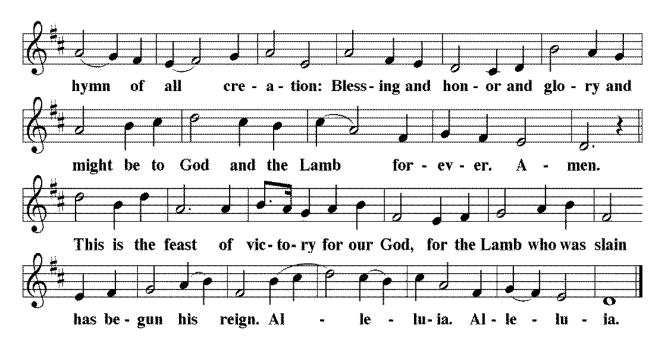
GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- **C** And also with you.

KYRIE







PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

Through the prophet, God promises a new heaven and a new earth. Weeping will pass away, life will be abundant for God's people, and the world—including the wild animals—will be at peace.

 A reading from Isaiah.
 ¹⁷ I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
 ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever

in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,

and its people as a delight.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,

and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,

or the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days.

or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,

and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

- ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,

and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

- ²³ They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity;
- for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD and their descendants as well.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
 while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy

on all my boly mountain

on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Christ Is Arisen

Handel/Liebergen

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SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

A reading from First Corinthians.

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

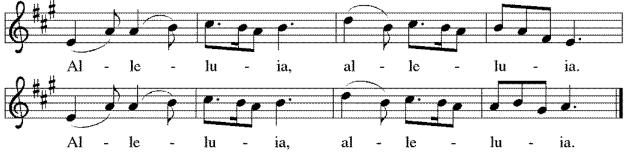
A The word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.





Christ being raised from the dead will never | die again; death no longer has dominion | over him.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.

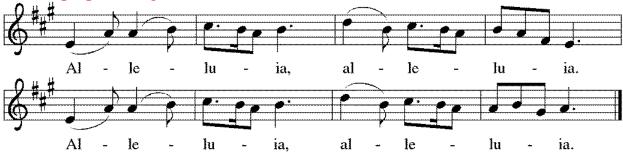


The choir sings the Second Verse.



On this day the | LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be | glad in it.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.

⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise

again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

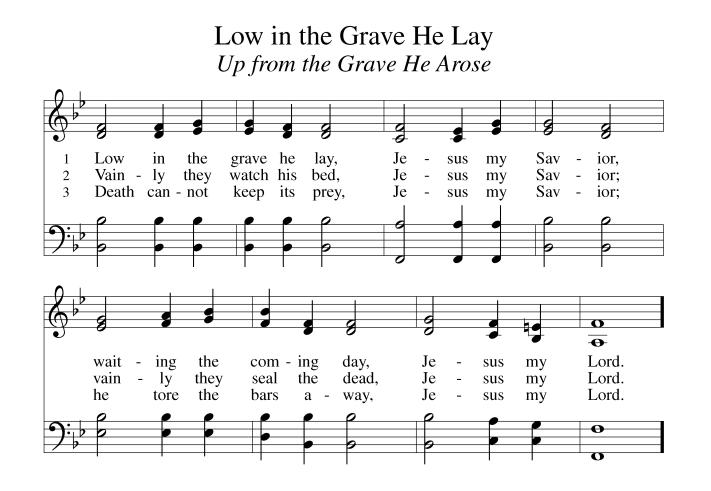
P The gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Low in the Grave He Lay*





Stand NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

- **P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- **C** We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge

the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace.

Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples.

Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- **C** Amen.

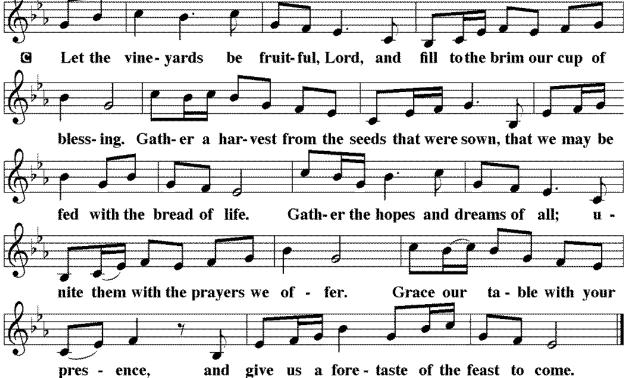
PEACE

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

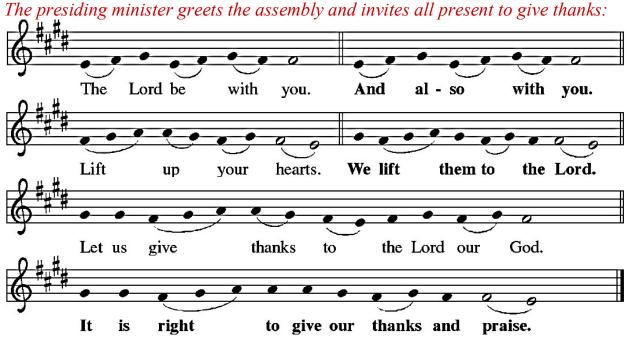
Worshippers do not greet one another. The service continues with the Offertory.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

The Offering will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church. OFFERTORY

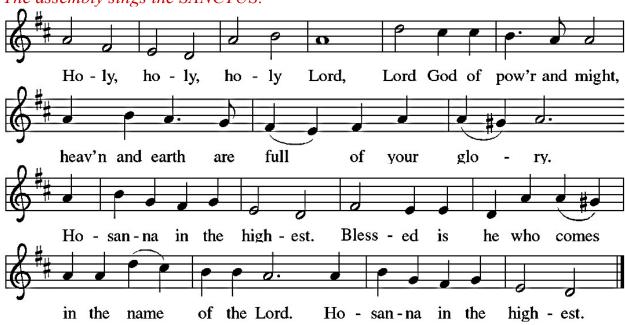


GREAT THANKSGIVING



The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The assembly sings the SANCTUS:

P

The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED, OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS; BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING: TAKE AND EAT; THIS IS MY + BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

LORD'S PRAYER

- **P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.
- Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- Behold the Lamb of God,
 behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
 Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Sit COMMUNION

Welcome to First Communicants (Later service only)

- A Today is a special day for several of our young members who have now completed their preparation for First Communion.
- A When they were baptized, God made them a part of his household, the family we call the Church. As they grew, they learned about their heavenly Father, and what it means to be part of God's family. They learned to love others from Jesus, who loved us all so much that he gave his life for us on the cross.

- A In the same way, they have learned how, through sharing the bread and wine of Holy Communion, we remember Jesus' death and his rising to life again on that first Easter day, and how eating the bread and drinking the wine makes us one with Jesus, and brings us closer to each other.
- A These young people have expressed their desire to join us as we gather around the Lord's table. And so they are invited to participate for the first time in the privilege they were granted in baptism.
- As I now read the names of the communicants, I ask that they please come forward in the company of their parents or sponsors:

Madison Catagnus Grace Einsla Russell Einsla Shealyn Frazier Lucas McCrea Kaden Menendez Leo North

To the assembled group:

We welcome you to the Lord's Table. We thank God for you and are happy that you are among us. We pray that you will remain faithful to Christ and to his holy Church, finding joy and strength in his body and blood, the signs of his love for the world. Amen

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. *and each person may respond*

Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.

Music during Communion: LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI) 0 Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the of the world; sin 0 Christ, Lamb of God, have mer - cy up - on you take us. of the world; a - way the sin have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, Lamb of God, 0 of the world; the you take sin a - way e A grant us your peace. men.

ANTHEM: *Trumpet Processional*

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Allegro and Finale

Vivaldi/Wolff (arr. c.1987 Birnamwood Publications(ASCAP), a division of MorningStar Music Publications. All Rights Reserved)

Stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- **G** Amen.

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: This Joyful Eastertide arr. Hopson (c. 2013 Augsburg Fortress. All Rights Reserved)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- Let us pray.
 We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **G** Amen.





DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.
- **HYMN:** *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia! Printed on the next page.*

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!





OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: *Finale from Symphony #1*

L. Vierne *(public domain)*

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The Easter Cycle celebrates the events surrounding our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the Easter Cycle includes the Lenten season, Holy Week, and the Easter Season. This cycle concludes with the Day of Pentecost, as the culmination of the resurrection through the coming of the Holy Spirit to Christ's followers.

The Paschal Candle, symbolic of our Lord's resurrection, is positioned on the Gospel side of the altar and is lighted at all services during the Easter season (up to and including the Day of Pentecost).

The liturgical color white, symbolic of purity, joy, and the light of Christ, is used on the festivals of Christ. Gold is a more festive version of white.

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Worship Assistants

Ushers: 8:00 am: Members of the 8:00 am Usher team

10:30 am: Dick Allebach, Gary Halteman, David Halteman, & Scott Halteman

Elevator Attendant: Mike Taylor

Lectors: 8:00 am: Lessons & Prayers: Debra Augustine and Sally Sweeney 10:30 am: Lessons: Karl Stefan Prayers: Ali Backlund

Worship Assistants: 8:00 am: Abigail Catagnus and Madison Catagnus

10:30 am Acolyte: Liam DePaul Crucifer: Cora Van Alstine

Communion Assistant: The Reverend Thomas Kochenderfer

Altar Guild: Deb Scholl and Marie Conver

Offering Tabulation: Jennifer Wentworth, Brian O'Hara, and Chilly Lyaro

Video Streaming: Jim Lien and Chilly Lyaro

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God in memory of Wilbur and Linda Smith by the Dale Smith and Kent Smith families.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Debra Augustine in loving memory of son, Samuel Carlos Augustine.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Martin Brunswick in thanks for blessings received.

First Communion Students

May God bless these young people as they receive their First Holy Communion today.

Grace Einsla Russell Einsla Shealyn Frazier Lucas McCrea Kaden Menendez Leo North Madison Catagnus **Congratulations to David and Barbara Cornish**, who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on April 16, 2025. May God bless them with many more happy years together.



Vacation Bible School is coming!

June 23-26, 2025



Planning your child(ren)'s summer activities? Don't forget VBS at Augustus! Join us for *Camp Firelight; a Summer Camp Adventure with God* from June 23-26, 9a-12p. Scan the QR code to register or email Sonya at <u>education@augustustrappe.org</u>.





Easter Flowers 2025

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Allebach in memory of Loves Ones.

Augustus Women of the ELCA given to the Glory of God in loving memory of all their faithful departed members.

In memory of William A. Reimels from the Anderson Family.

Glory to our risen Lord! In memory of family members from the Bubeck family.

Nancee Clelland in memory of loved ones.

Joe and Donna Cooney

Anita Halteman in memory of husband, Galen Halteman.

Elaine Johnston in loving memory of my husband, Jay and my parents.

John and Marie Kochel in loving memory of our parents, Joseph and Elizabeth Julia and Donald and Joan Kochel.

Karen Lachenmayer in loving memory of my parents, Tom and Anne Lachenmayer.

Karen Lachenmayer in loving memory of Dorothy Keffer and Miriam Bennett.

Pat and Tony Mancuso in memory of our parents.

Karen McClain in loving memory of my grandmother, Margaret Van Hee.

God Bless Kaden and all First Year Communion students from the Menendez Family. Bill and Minetta O'Boyle in memory of loved ones.

Dale, Patrick and Brian O'Hara given to the Glory of God in loving memory of family and friends.

Rich and Dot Opperman in memory of Loved Ones.

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my husband, Richard, by Barbara Rice and family.

In loving memory of our mother, Mary Redeyoff from the Redeyoff Family.

Deborah Scholl in memory of Loved Ones.

Michael and Janet Stokes – To the Glory of God and prayers for all who seek peace, justice and truth.

Michael Van Blaricum

Given to the Glory of God by Pastor Weleck in loving memory of my parents.

John and Charlotte Wentworth given in memory of loved ones.

John and Charlotte Wentworth given in honor of children Jennifer, John, Michael and Grandson, John.



"Just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me."



Volunteer at the Turkey Supper Fundraiser

Matthew 25:40 NRSV

And

Help "the least of these"

At the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center in Tanzania.

Your help is still needed to make this year's event a success!

*Food Prep *Food Service *Set-up/Clean-up *Craft Fair & More

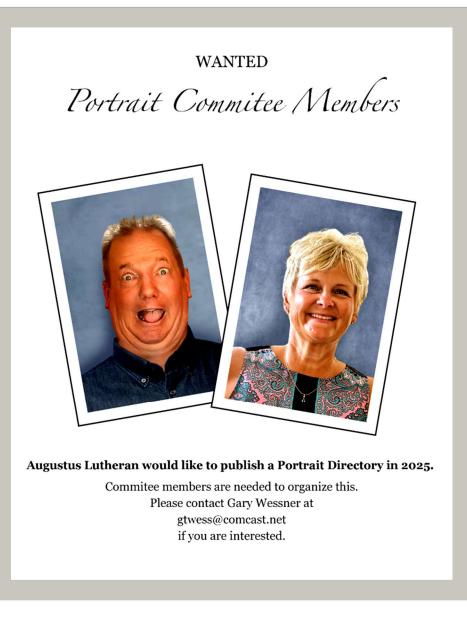
Visit the sign-up sheet in Muhlenberg Center

Or

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Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter





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